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1. The bakery and the carpenter shop of the Industrial Enterprise of the Abja Rayon Consumers' Union (Promkombinat Abyaskogo raypotrebsoyuza) were located on the Abja Karksi-Muia Highway. The bakery was in a stone building with a shingled roof that was completed in 1952. At first, there were two working shifts, but in the spring of 1953, a third shift was added. The bakery was in operation every day except Sunday. 25X1
2. The bakery produced mainly black (rye) bread and a bread, called seplik in Estonian, that was between brown and white. The production of bread was hindered by a shortage of flour and fuel. The firewood was usually wet and had to be dried before it could be used. The total production went to the Abja Cooperative for sale to consumers. White bread was scarce throughout Estonia, and the officials declared that working people should be satisfied with simple food but promised an abundance of white bread as soon as the final stage of Communism was reached. 25X1
3. About ten persons, most of whom were women, were employed at the bakery. The manager was Maenning (fnu) 25X1
4. The carpenter shop was located next door to the bakery in the farmhouse of what was formerly the Suka farm. The building was of wood, except for the exterior walls of the main room which were of stone; the roof was shingled. 25X1

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The shop did carpentry work for businesses and private persons. Usually, the customers furnished the materials. Prices were high, often twice the cost. In one case, a customer paid 200 rubles for a veneer wardrobe of simple design. Because of a shortage of seasoned wood, most of the furniture was made from raw lumber. Once, a bed made by the carpenter shop collapsed during delivery to the customer, because the lumber had dried and shrunk.

5. Until the spring of 1953, the carpenter shop employed three men, but after that only two. The manager was Hans Rahn. His salary was 100 rubles a month. He was also in charge of the shoemaker's shop at 100 rubles a month and of the storehouse at a salary of probably 300 rubles a month.

6. The following is the legend to  layout sketch of the bakery and carpentry shop. The numbers refer to the pinpoints on the sketch.

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Bakery

- a. Storeroom containing bags of flour.
- b. Baking room.
 1. Large oven.
 2. White bread trough.
 3. Table equipped with table weights.
 4. Barrow for bread.
 5. Shelf holding bread-forms and pans.
 6. Stove on which was a water kettle.
 - 7 and 8. Dough troughs.
 9. Small electrical motor attached to a water pump.
 10. Water faucet.
 11. Wall clock.
- c. Room used by personnel for changing clothes.
 - 12 and 13. Iron stoves.
- d. Long narrow passageway.
- e. Storeroom for bread, constantly damp because of condensation on the ceiling.
 14. Shelves for bread.
 15. Barrow for bread.
- f. Manager's office.
 16. Desk holding a telephone.
 17. Small ventilator attached to the window.
 18. Window used for distribution of bread.

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Carpenter Shop

- g. This room was intended to be an automobile workshop. Half the floor was of wood and the other half of earth; in the spring of 1953, the floor was under construction. In the center of the room was a wooden lined grease pit for car repair. The GAZ truck was usually parked in this room.
- h. Storage room for completed large pieces of furniture

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- i. Empty room.
- j. Storage room for veneer.
- k. Passageway containing a box of sand.
- l. Workshop.
 - 1 and 2. Workbenches.
 - 3. Boxes for nails.
 - 4. Shelf holding carpentry tools.
 - 5. Cupboard containing paint bottles, polish, varnish, etc.
 - 6. Long brick stove with an iron plate without openings.
- m. Workshop.
 - 7. Planing bench.
 - 8. Circular saw.
 - 9. Saw.
 - 10. Two or three electric motors.
 - 11. Driving belts.
 - 12. Cupboard containing paints.
 - 13. Carpentry bench.

Barn

- n. Room used by another establishment.
- o. Storehouse for tools, gloves, glass, and paint.
- p. Well. An electric pump provided water for the bakery.
- q. Toilet, a wooden shack on the verge of collapse.

Woodshed (built of wooden planks in the winter of 1952/3)

- r. Room for storing firewood.
- s. Empty room.

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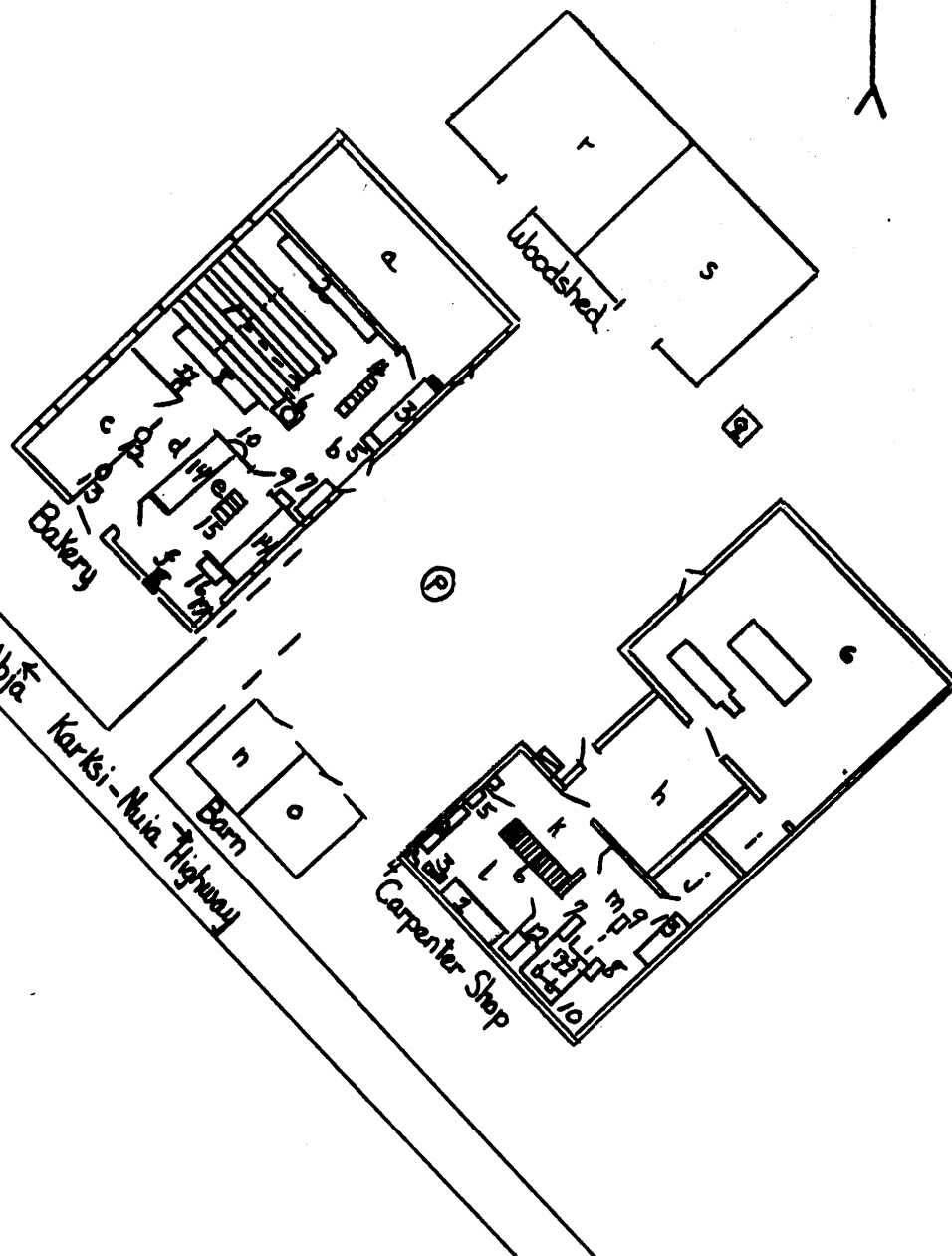
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